

## COMBINED DECLARATION/POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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 My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled  
**RULED LINE EXTRACTING APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING RULED LINE FROM NORMAL**

**DOCUMENT IMAGE AND METHOD THEREOF**

the specification of which (check one)  is attached hereto [ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 as U.S. Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefit(s) under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

**Prior Foreign Application(s)**

		Priority Claimed
08-342185 (Number)	Japan (Country)	20th/December/1996 Day/Month/Year Filed
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